135

ACT

Of the Privy Council, for Ranſoming *Archibald Bartlemew* and *James Key*, now priſoners with the *Turks*.

At *Edinburgh*, the 12 of *October* 1693.

ANent a Petition given in to the Lords of Their Majeſties Privy Council, by *John Bartlemew* in *Keirbill*, in Name & Behalf of *Archibald Bartlemew*, and *James Key*, now Priſoners at *Algiers* with the *Turks*, Shewing, That the ſaids *Archibald Bartlemew*, and *James Key*, who were born within the bounds of the Presbytrie of *Linlithgow*, and being Seamen to their Trade, were in *December* One thouſand ſix hundered and ninty one, taken Priſoners by the *Turks*, and are keeped ever ſince Priſoners at *Algiers*, under moſt Grievous and Inhumane Bondage and Slaverie; And that the ſaids *Archibald Bartlemew* and *James Key* have no Means, Goods, or Moneys, wherewith to pay their Ranſome, which will amount to three hundred Dollars: And ſeeing it is the laids Lords Laudable Practice in the like Caſes, to grant Recommendations for a Pious and Charitable Collection to be gathered at ſuch Church doors as the ſaids Lords ſhall appoint, upon the finding Caution that the Collections ſhall be applyed for Ranſoming the Priſoners, or for returning the Moneys Collected, to be diſpoſed of according to the laids Lords Directions. And therefore, humbly Craving in manner, and to the Effect after mentioned, as the ſaid Petition bears. The Lords of Their Majeſties Privy Council, having conſidered the above Petition given in be the ſaid *John Bartlemew*, with the Teſtificate produced therewith; They hereby allow a Voluntar Collection to be made at the Church doors of all the Paroches within the Presbytries of *Edinburgh*, *Dalkeith*, *Haddingtoun*, and *Linlithgow*, for Ranſoming the above *Archibald Bartlemew*, and *James Key* from their Slaverie, upon Sabbath the twenty ſixth day of *November* next to come, and appoints the laids Collections to be payed in to the above *John Bartlemew* Petitioner; In reſpect he has given Bond, and found ſufficient Caution, acted in the Books of Privy Council, that the Collections to be delivered in to him, ſhall be applyed for Ranſoming the above Priſoners: Or otherways that they ſhall be returned and delivered to the Clerks of Privy Counell to be diſpoſed upon, according as the Lords thereof ſhall give Orders: And Recommends to the Miniſters of the ſeveral Paroches within the Reſpective Presbytries foreſaids, to make Intimation publickly from their Pulpits of this Act, upon the Sabbath day immeditaly preceeding the day above appointed, for making the laids Collections.

Extracted by me, GILB: ELIOT, *Cls: Sti: Conſ.*

Edinburgh, Printed by *John Reid*, Anno 1693.